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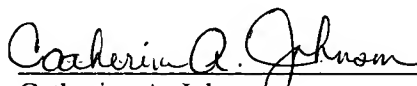
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Integrally Sealed Filament Wound Bearings

Technical Description:

GGB currently manufactures Filament Wound self-lubricating bearings. Many of our customers require the use of seals with our bearings primarily due to the operating environment. Our customers currently use a separate seal (or seals) with our bearings. The goal of this project is to develop a bearing design which incorporates an integral seal (or seals) directly into the bearing.

Two integrally sealed filament wound bearing designs have been identified as candidates for further development. Concept 4 and Concept 6 are described below.

Concept 4

Concept 4 consists of a filament wound bearing with a wiper seal located at one or both ends of the bearing. To facilitate the seal installation, the filament wound bearing will have a counterbore machined into one or both ends of the bearing. A wiper seal is then pressed into the counterbore until flush (or recessed) with the end of the bearing. An adhesive (in the counter bore and/or on the seal OD) may be used to insure retention of the seal in the bearing. The complete integrally sealed bearing is then installed by the customer into their housing bore.

Concept 6

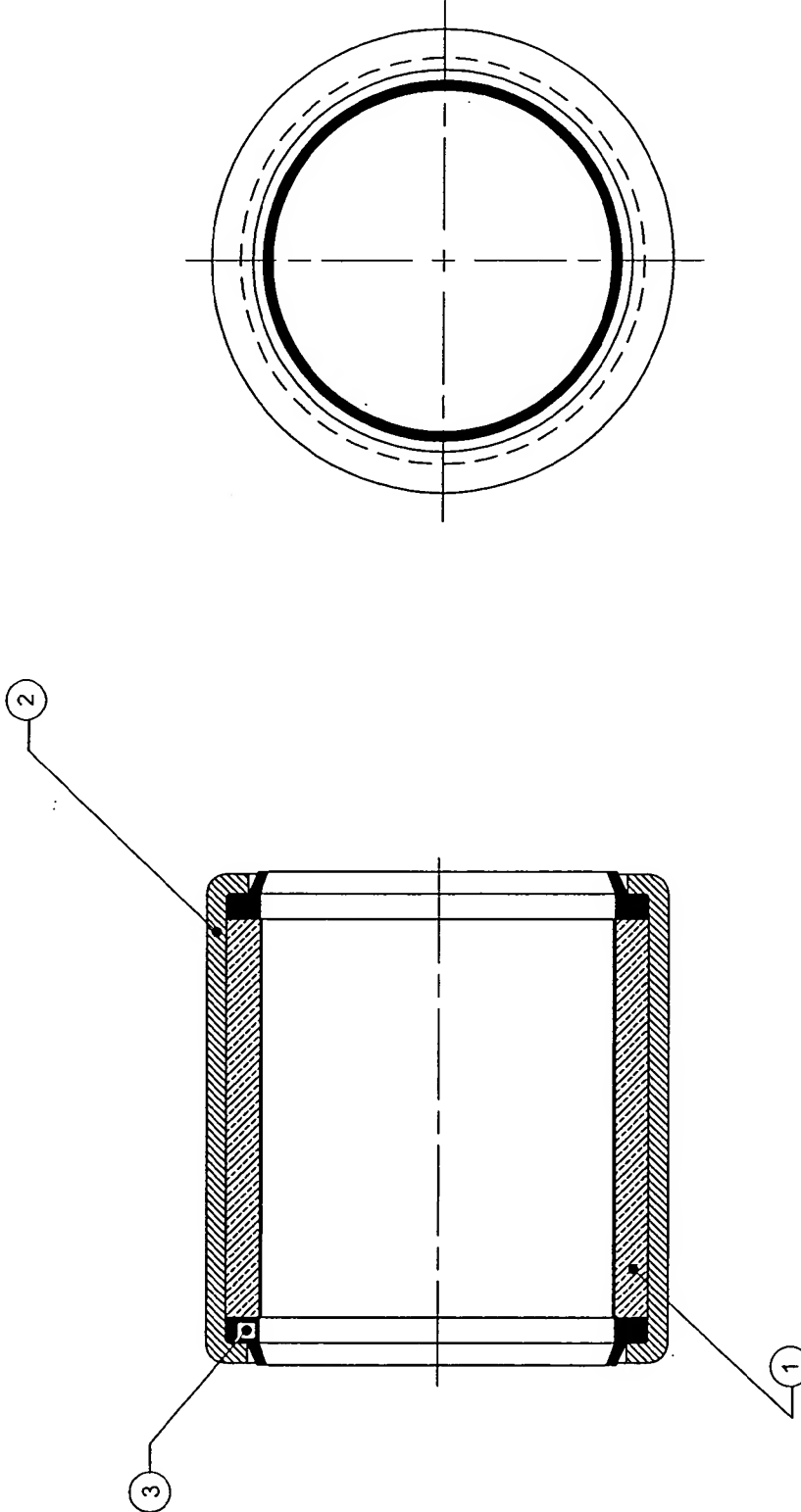
Concept 6 consists of three components including a filament wound bearing, one or two wiper seal(s) and a metal tube. The filament wound bearing would first be pressed into the center of the metal tube. A seal (or two seals) would then be pushed into the metal tube at each end of the bearing. The ends of the metal tube would then be formed to capture and retain the seal(s) and complete the integrally sealed bearing assembly. The complete integrally sealed bearing is then installed by the customer into their housing bore.

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